

The Hongkong Telegraph.



No. 386.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

PIANOFORTES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the Sale of the
PIANOFORTES
MANUFACTURED BY
BROADWOOD, COLLARD & COLLARD, and
CHAPPELL, of London, and they have on view, for Sale or Hire, a Large Selection of various Styles.

Comprising:—
A BROADWOOD'S CONCERT GRAND, COTTAGE GRANDS, SHORT-GRANDS, COTTAGE PIANOS AND PIANINOS, made expressly for this Climate.

They have also for Sale CHAPPELL'S Latest MUSIC, including "IOLANTHE," GILBERT and SULLIVAN'S Latest OPERA.

PIANOS tuned and kept in thorough Repair by an experienced TUNER from Messrs. BROADWOOD & SON'S.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1883. [296]

Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33. RESERVE FUND..... \$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq.,..... LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YEOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.,
MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and Accumulations, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. FRICKVOSS, Esq., W. MEYERINK, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.,

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

MR. MOORE begs to recommend his GOGO SHAMPO WASH

to the public as unrivalled by any preparation ever produced for promoting the growth of the hair. The basis of this compound is made of soap root; the natives of the Philippine Islands never use anything else for washing their hair; they are never found bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will NEVER BE BALD.

The proprietor offers the Wash to the public entirely confident that by its restorative properties it will without fail arrest decaying hair. It completely eradicates scurf, dandruff, and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling properties it allays the itching and fever of the scalp, which is the great cause of people losing their hair.

MR. MOORE has succeeded in being able to put this shampoo wash into bottles without allowing it to ferment, and he will guarantee it to keep any length of time in any climate.

FOR SALE ONLY BY MOORE & Co., VARIETY STORE,
Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [131]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 28th day of April, 1883, at No. 131, Queen's Road East, (opposite the French Convent), at Noon,
THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
OF A GENTLEMAN LEAVING THE COLONY,
consisting of
DINING, DRAWING, and BED ROOM
SUITES.

Also,
One HARMONIUM by BOOSEY & 5 Octaves.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash.
J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1883. [316]

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions from R. G. ALFORD, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, at his Residence No. 5, West Terrace, on
MONDAY,
the 30th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising:—
EBONIZED DRAWING ROOM CHAIRS,
COUCHES and TABLES; CARPETS, CURTAINS, MIRRORS, DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, CROCKERY and GLASSWARE, IRON BEDSTEPS and MATTRESSES, WARDROBES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, TOILET GLASSES, DRESSING TABLES, &c., &c.

Also,
A COTTAGE PIANO by LUNAN OF LUBECK.
Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture on view, on the morning of the day of Sale.
TERMS.—Cash.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [308]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHOPKEEPERS AND OTHERS.

THE DIRECTORS are prepared to let for a term not exceeding FIVE YEARS (after completion) SIX HANDSOME SHOPS on the Basement of the Hotel Building.

For further particulars, apply to
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1883. [296]

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ORIGINAL SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 1973, dated 18th June, 1880, for THREE SHARES in the above Company, standing in the name of REUBEN SOLOMON has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 9th May next a Duplicate thereof will be issued to REUBEN SOLOMON, and no transaction taking place under the said ORIGINAL SCRIP CERTIFICATE, No. 1973, will be recognized by the Company.

By Order,
D. MCLAURIN, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1883. [278]

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Undersigned have this day been REMOVED to the 1st Floor of 41, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, above Achille's Furniture Store.

DENNYS & MOSSOP,
Solicitors and Notaries Public.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1883. [246]

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATORATO DE BERGAMO and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY, has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte.

CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.
Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [168]

LOST.

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON between Murray Pier and Government House, A GOLD LOCKET, with MONOGRAM and CREST.

Finder will be REWARDED, if necessary, on RETURNING the same to the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1883. [260]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and PORTER.

DAVID CORSEAR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

ISMAIL ELLIAS.

MILLINER & DRAPER, GENERAL DEALER IN EUROPEAN GOODS, INDIAN SHOP-KEEPER, INDIAN USEFUL ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, ALL AT MODERATE RATES.

No. 38, LYNCHBURST TERRACE, HONGKONG.

FRENCH Prints for Dresses, different patterns; French Embroidery, edgings and insertion; Indian Malmal and Jagurath Cloth; Cotton Dhoria and Cotton Gauze; Quilling Cloth; Gauze Flannels, different kinds; Shawl Flannels, Victoria Lawns, Table Cloths, white and coloured; American Drills; Gentlemen's Suits; Underclothes; Turkey Towels; Bathing Cloth; Toilet Covers; Mosquito Net; Window Curtains, Ribbons of all sorts; Ladies' Boys' and Girls' Shoes; Combs, Stockings; Socks; Pina Cushions, Goggles, Suits; Gentlemen's Collars; Gentlemen's Shirts, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1883. [311]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

NEW SPRING GOODS.

EX S.S. "GLENCE."

WHITE DRESS MATERIALS.
CREAM DRESS MATERIALS.
NUNS' VEILINGS in every Color.
SUMMER BEIGES in every Color.
GALATEAS for Boys' Washing Suits.
WHITE INDIA MUSLINS.
MULL CORD MUSLINS.
WHITE VICTORIA LAWNS.
BLACK and COLORED SUNSHADES.
LADIES' PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS.
LADIES' & CHILDREN'S BOOTS & SHOES.

EX S.S. "GLENOGLE."

New Patterns in POMPADOIR SATEENS.
Plain Colored SATEENS in every Shade.
FRENCH PERCALES in every Pattern.
Specialties in ZEPHYR CHECKS.
CANVAS CORSETS for Summer Wear.
SUMMER PAJAMAH FLANNELS.
Novelties in LADIES' SILK UMBRELLAS.
Trimmed and Untrimmed HATS & BONNETS.
A Choice Selection of FLOWERS.
OSTRICH TIPS & FLATS in Light Colours.
INKSTANDS in Great Variety.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 4th April, 1883. [249]

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

MY QUEEN WALTZ.
VIOLET'S WALTZ.
LE PREMIER PAS POLKA.
ALL WALDTEUFEL'S WALTZES.

SWEETHEARTS WALTZ.
OFFICERS' WALTZ.
TRUE TILL DEATH SONG.
CRAMER'S DANCE ALBUMS.

NEW BOOKS.

BADER'S TRAVELS IN WESTERN CHINA.
MAX MULLER'S INDIA.
GRANES LECTURES ON ART.
NEW PARLIAMENTARY BLUE BOOKS ON CHINA.

SWINBURNE'S POEMS AND BALLADS.
PROCTOR'S LEISURE READINGS.
CASSELL'S DICTIONARY OF COOKERY.
MARKHAM'S WAR BETWEEN PERU AND CHILI.

LECKY'S WRINKLES IN NAVIGATION.
PARALLEL NEW TESTAMENTS.
THE AUSTRALIANS IN ENGLAND.
LANDELL'S THROUGH SIBERIA.

COAN'S LIFE IN HAWAII.
OSWALD'S ZOOLOGICAL STUDIES.
GRIFFITH'S COREA.
BONWICK'S PORT PHILLIP SETTLEMENT.

GLAZEBROOK'S PHYSICAL OPTICS.
THE AGE OF FIRE AND GRAVEL BY DONNELLY.

NEW SYSTEMS OF LEARNING LAN-
GUAGES.
ARTISTS' GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY.
BEZIQUE AND SQUEEZER PLAYING CARDS.

SEDGWICK'S LIGHT.
GAELIC PROVERBS.
FOREIGN OFFICE LIST.

NEW FANCY GOODS.
W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [703]

KELLY & WALSH'S

NEW AND POPULAR MUSIC.

SONGS.

Some Day.....M. Wellings.
The Romyany Lass.....Stephen Adams.
For Pity's Sake.....Stephen Adams.
Moon-Daisies.....Stephen Adams.

The Miller and the Maid.....Marzials.
Leaving yet Loving.....Marzials.
In the North Country.....Marzials.
If only.....Marzials.

In a Quiet Old Village.....A. S. Gatty.
Going to Market.....Diell.
O Strange and Sweet.....Nessler.
When I was young.....Nessler.

Told in the Twilight.....Molloy.
Because I do.....Molloy.
Great Grandmother.....Molloy.
Little Maid of China.....Molloy.

Woman's Love and Kisses.....Nessler.
The Pride O' Deal.....Kinross.
King Henry's Song.....A. Sullivan.
The Bell-Ringer.....Wallace.

Hearts.....Pinsuit.
The British Tar.....Bentley.
Teach me to forget.....F. Moir.
Behind the Clouds.....Coward.

Thine Image only.....Nessler.
Sprung a Leak.....Stephen Adams.
At the Porch.....Caldicott.
A Song of Delos.....Lonasil.

At the Ferry.....M. Wellings.
Kismet.....Molloy.
Dear Face.....Goodeve.
Death or Glory.....Matti.

The Bird and the Cross.....Molloy.
Three Merry Men.....Molloy.
A Weathercock.....Seymour Smith.
Ould Ireland So Green.....Forman.

The Reason Why.....Adelmann.
Father O'Flynn.....Stanford.
A Weathercock.....Campbell.
The Little Hero.....Stephen Adams.

Love's Secret.....Sung by Mrs. Langtry.
The Haven of Rest.....Marriott.
One among Twenty.....Bentley.
Lyke as a Ship.....Cunningham.

His Fame.....A. L. Mora.
To be or Not to be.....Hutchison.
Gold.....F. L. Moir.
Is my lover on the Sea.....F. L. Moir.

Requiescant.....Stanford.
Le Parlate d'Amor.....Counod.
True British Soldier.....Barri.
Outside.....Barnett.

One; two; three.....Berger.
Sprig of Edelweiss.....Jacobi.
The old Barge.....Behrend.
In the Gleaming.....Lady A. Hill.

Open the door to me.....E. M. St. John.
Beyond the Stars.....Barri.
So the World goes Round.....Bendall.
Sweet Day so Cool.....Sullivan.

At Noon tide.....Lady A. Hill.
In the Moonlight.....Lady A. Hill.
Jack and Jill.....Diell.
The Old Poetry.....Molloy.

Yeoman's Wedding Song.....Ponlatowski.

DANCE MUSIC.

My Queen Valse.....Cote.
Dolores Valse.....Waldteufel.
Dreamland Valse.....Batho.
Au Printemps Valse.....Waldteufel.

Yalse-Galop.....Matti.
Day and Night Quadrilles.....Williams.
Pheobe Polka.....Grenville.
La Mascotte Quadrille.....Demarsart.

Le Sourire Valse.....Waldteufel.
Le Premier Baiser Valse.....Waldteufel.
Valse Vénitienne.....Waldteufel.
Down Stream Waltzes.....Marriott.

Evelyn Polka.....Marriott.
Claude Duval Polka.....Grenville.
Boccaccio Polka.....Béthe.
Boccaccio Quadrille.....Cote.

Les Yeux de Fanchette Valse.....Robinson.
Secret of Love Valse.....Grenville.
Scottish Beauties Valse.....Crowe.
Whip Poor Will Valse.....Kinkel.

Billie Taylor Quadrille.....Grenville.
Sweet Kiss Polka.....Kinkel.
Black Satin Polka.....E. Piron.
A Ton Bras Polka.....Kieffer.

Melo Valse.....Waldteufel.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, April 14th, 1883. [560]

JUST RECEIVED.

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT

OF

SHOES.

CHILDRENS'.....FROM \$0.35 PER PAIR.

LADIES'.....FROM \$1.00 PER PAIR.

ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1883. [579]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
DURING my absence Mr. STEWART MUNN MCLEISH will SIGN my Name for Procuration.
Wm. CRUICKSHANK.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. [232]

NOTICE.

CAPTAIN G. C. ANDERSON will act as SURVEYOR for the BUREAU VERITAS at this Port until further notice.
ROBT. MCMURDO.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1883. [282]

NOTICE.

MR. W. R. LOXLEY will Sign Our FIRM per procuration during our temporary absence.
SAYLE & Co.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1883. [313]

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. J. BRADLEE SMITH, having returned to the Colony, will resume his duties as SECRETARY to the above Company on and from the 23rd instant.

WM. REINERS, Chairman Board of Directors.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1883. [315]

To be Let.

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) with GARDEN, in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to
D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 6th April, 1883. [18]

TO LET.

FOR ONE YEAR from June next, the New BUNGALOW at the PEAK on R. B. Lot 20, now roofed in and nearly completed, the property of Mr. J. ENSTON SQUIER.

For all information, apply to
R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c.
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [397]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 7, GARDEN ROAD (at present occupied by Messrs. DEETJAN & Co., and will be vacant on the 30th June next).

No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1883. [7]

Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "BELGIC."

From San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1883. [2]

Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING,"

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama and Honolulu, on SATURDAY, the 5th May, at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, Honolulu, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to Honolulu, San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 4th May. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 14th April, 1883. [1]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE AND MAURITIUS.
THE Steamship

"INGO,"

is POSTPONED till TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DUNN, MELBYE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1883. [287]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NAGASAKI.
THE Steamship

"GAELIC,"

Captain Turpin will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [306]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

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Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN,
PERFUMERS,
IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

OF
MANILA CIGARS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED WATERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
24, NANKIN ROAD, SHANGHAI.

BOTICA INGLESA,
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1883.

A special meeting of the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce held on March 15th, to consider the proposed amendment of the Indian Procedure Code, Mr. H. R. GRENFELL, governor of the Bank of England, expressed his opinion that the subject involved a political rather than a commercial question, and strongly advised the Chamber not to commit itself to an expression of opinion with regard to it, and not to be drawn, as so many Chambers of Commerce had been, into the discussion of questions verging closely, if not entirely, upon the dangerous ground of politics. Although the wisdom of Mr. GRENFELL'S view, on what has certainly of late become a far too common practice, was apparent to a large majority of the council, there were several members present with political proclivities, who apparently held the same notions of the functions of a Chamber of Commerce, as those entertained by our local authority, Mr. F. BULKLEY JOHNSON of the firm of JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. This gentleman, it will be remembered, at a meeting of the Hongkong Chamber, held on March 14th, referred triumphantly to the fact that his annual report showed that the Chamber had travelled outside of the usual business, and had dealt with affairs political in addition to matters commercial. In the London Chamber, singularly enough, the principal advocate of interference in politics, was Mr. BULLEN SMITH, of the famous firm of Matheson & Co. In Mr. BULLEN SMITH'S opinion, the questions raised by Mr. ILBERT'S celebrated bill, dealing with the subject of criminal procedure in India, partook much more largely of a commercial than a political character, and he explained at some length his reasons for coming to that conclusion. He alluded particularly to the short seasons during which silk cocoons, indigo, tea, and other crops were gathered, and to the ease with which false accusations might be made by unscrupulous natives against Europeans at such times, the danger being that Indian magistrates uninfluenced and unsupported by European opinion would be led by their own countrymen, and often convict, with an appearance of justice, those Europeans upon whom the collection of crops depended. Such power, if given, would inflict a serious injury upon invested capital throughout our Indian possessions. However, notwithstanding Mr. BULLEN SMITH'S eloquence, after some further discussion, the following resolution was carried without opposition:—"That the subject of the Criminal Procedure (India) Bill is not one about which it would be advisable for the Council of this Chamber to express its collective opinion."

As Mr. ILBERT'S bill—which, it may be noted, has created a great deal of excitement and discussion both in India and at home—does not at present have any direct bearing on the criminal procedure of this Colony, it would serve no useful end to discuss it in these columns. Our object in alluding to the question brought before the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce, was merely to point out for the information of the members of our local institution, that this important body has distinctly and unmistakably repudiated political functions and responsibilities. It is, we opine, important to know that the views of Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON in regard to the duties and status of our local Chamber, explained in his famous manifesto attacking Governor HENNESSY, in the last annual report, and in his celebrated speech (delivered to an audience composed of five members outside the executive) at the City Hall a few weeks ago, have not been supported in the powerful metropolitan institution; but, on the contrary, have been decided to be injudicious and unwarranted, for there can be little doubt that Mr. GRENFELL'S references to certain Chambers of Commerce having lately been drawn into the discussion of questions verging closely, if not entirely, upon the dangerous ground of politics, were meant specially to apply to Hongkong, Mr. JOHNSON'S rabid attack on our late Governor on political grounds, having been issued in his capacity of Chairman of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

As we have contended from the first that Mr. JOHNSON'S claims that the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce possessed an important political status, and was really the only representative body in the Colony, were based on an entire misconception of actual facts and of the scope of the Chamber's duties and privileges; as we further condemned the action of the honourable the unofficial member of the Legislative Council for using his position as chairman of a commercial institution to issue a most vile and unwarranted political manifesto, grossly and unfairly assailing the private character and official reputation of the distinguished officer who for five years represented Her Majesty in this Colony; and finally as we adversely criticised on public grounds those portions of the Chamber's last annual report which needlessly interfered in matters entirely outside the province of any purely mercantile association, it gives us great satisfaction to know that our opinions, expressed at various times, have been upheld by influential bodies like the London Chamber of Commerce.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, April 24th.

THE AFFIRMATION BILL.
In the House of Commons, in the debate on the 2nd reading of the affirmation bill, Mr. Cross, Member for Lancashire (South-West) moved its rejection and Mr. Torrens seconded; the debate was adjourned.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor went up to Canton by the steamer *Kiukiang* this morning. We are requested to state that Lady Bowen will not be able to receive visitors at Government House to-morrow.

A CONVOCATION of United Service Chapter will be held in Freemasons' Hall, this evening, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

THE American bark *Penobscot* went round to the Aberdeen Dock this morning, and the *Robert Porter* went over to Kowloon.

A LONDON Emergency of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday evening next, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

WE are informed by the Agent of the P. & O. S. N. Co., that the company's steamer *Suffey*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 21st instant, at 8 o'clock.

THE Shanghai *Courier* states that the water-mark at Hankow when the *Fuhwa* left on the 17th inst. was 16 ft 1 inch, and at *Kiukiang* 16 ft 2 in. The water was then rising fast, 2 ft at Hankow in 24 hours, and at *Kiukiang* 17 inches.

It is stated that a branch of the Black Hand Secret Society, which has such extensive ramifications in Spain, has been discovered in the North of Portugal. Several members have, it is asserted, been arrested, and important papers seized. Troops have been sent to the assistance of the local authorities.

SAVES the *Courier*—We mentioned a short time ago the arrival of two large guns, by the steamer *Marshall* for the Chinese Government. We understand that these guns are intended for Fort Arthur which the Chinese are fortifying, and it is said that the *Marshall* received a very handsome offer to take them on to their destination, but on account of the difficulty in landing them, the offer was refused. The guns are awaiting a favourable opportunity to be sent north.

THE *Spectator* calculates that Gustave Doré must have made eight illustrations a day, on an average, during the second fifteen years of his life. At thirty years he had published 44,000.

"MR. JINKINS, did you ever give much attention to astronomy?" "Quite enough, Mrs. Badger." "Well, sir, what's your opinion about the stars?" "My opinion about the stars? Why, I think they should have been hung about seven miles lower, so as to have lit this earth of ours after dusk, and saved us this enormous expense on gas and electric lights."

A LONDON telegram dated the 15th inst., states that Sir Edward E. Malet, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Consul-General in Egypt, has been offered and has refused the appointment of Minister to Peking. From this it would appear that the *Pall Mall Gazette* did not speak without good cause when it authoritatively announced months ago that Sir Thomas Wade, would not return to China.

WRITING to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Mr. Gladstone states that the question of placing the management of Scottish affairs under a Cabinet Minister has been occupying the attention of the Government, who are anxious that the administrative system in each of the three kingdoms should be such as to promote the highest attainable degree of efficiency in the working.

It is announced in home papers that the German Minister of Marine has tendered his resignation. Admiral von Stosch has been led to take this course, partly on account of a difference with the Chancellor in reference to the recent action of the captain of the German corvette *Elisabeth* at Swatow, and partly because the Cabinet declined to accept the Admiral's proposal to expend the sum of thirty millions of marks on the fortifications of Kiel, the chief naval port of the Empire.

A MARITZBURG correspondent of a London paper says:—"The hope is earnestly expressed here that before action is taken with regard to the alleged Boer aggressions an independent inquiry will be made into the facts of the situation in conjunction with the Transvaal Government. Nothing is more likely than the proposed action to make the Africander Bond an active reality and lead to civil war on a ruinous scale. Dutch irritation against the British is quite strong enough already."

It is stated that Russia has proposed to the other European Powers that they should take part with her in the establishment of an international force of detective police to cope with secret organisations of all kinds, including Anarchists, Nihilists, and Fenians. The draft has been submitted, and is based upon the principle that Nihilism and Socialism are common crimes. France, Switzerland, and Austria have given their adhesion to the principle of the anti-revolutionary alliance.

SAVES the *Overland Mail*—Mr. Diggar's last hope is dashed to the ground. A new trial in the suit "Hyland v. Biggar" has been refused, and the member for Cavan will have to pay his cool for the privileges of having united his prayers with those of his sometime captivator and having added to her store of boots and stockings. These advantages are rather dear at the price, even to a man who can proudly own himself worth 20c. of; but Mr. Biggar has really no one but himself to thank for his misfortunes. The plaintiff's case, robbed of the invaluable support of Mr. Patrick Egan, was really too attenuated to command a verdict, but the defendant's fatal candour ruined the best chance in the world; and Joseph of Cavan—who differs so mournfully from the Joseph of Scripture history and Fielding's fiction—is now a sadder and, it is to be hoped, a wiser man.

ANOTHER good man gone wrong. We read in a home paper that at Kilgetty, Pembrokeshire, the Rev. John Higley, a Primitive Methodist minister, has eloped with the wife of a local preacher named Drinn. The woman has written to her husband stating that "she will not trouble him again." This habit of coveting what is supposed to be the most precious of your neighbours' goods and chattels is becoming alarmingly prevalent amongst "the elect." Perhaps there is something pestilential in the love feasts and other religious ceremonies of the Methodists! Peradventure these chosen vessels of religion are weak in the flesh, and probably not over scrupulous in defining the terms *meum et tuum* where woman, lovely woman is concerned! They are certainly reducing religion to the level of a ghastly burlesque, and diverting "the cloth" of the respect which a presumed sacred profession has hitherto claimed for its apostles.

WE are greatly obliged to the correspondents who so kindly sent us a copy of the *Strait Times*, containing a choice specimen of the very coarse and exceedingly feeble venom of Mr. James Carmichael. Our public policy has never been characterised by snobbish exclusiveness, nor can we be accused of having patronised the kid-glove style of literary warfare. However, the line must be drawn somewhere, and as we believe with the ancient sage that "he that toucheth pitch shall be defiled therewith" we consider it judicious to draw the line at Mr. James Carmichael and the low, scurrilous "rag" known as the *Strait Times*. When Carmichael left Shanghai, one of the newspapers published in that settlement plainly impeached his honesty; and the journal on which he had been employed roundly stated that he was a discredit to journalism. In addition to this, we have proved him to be a liar, a sneak, and a blackguard; and as people here know nothing of, and care less for either the *Strait Times* or its editor, we do not think it worth while to prostitute our columns by making further references to a contemptible scoundrel whose existence can be safely ignored. This paragraph is written specially for the information of our Singapore subscribers, who may not be acquainted with the true character of the *Judas* (sic) of journalism they have in their midst.

THE Brazilian Navy is to be increased by the immediate construction of eight gunboats and twenty-four torpedo boats.

ACCORDING to the San Francisco *Chronicle*, the longest bridge in the world is in China. It is at Lagang, over an arm of the China sea, and is five miles long, seventy feet in height, with a roadway seventy feet wide, and is built entirely of stone and has three hundred arches. The pampet is a balustrade and each of the pillars, which are seventy five feet apart, supports a pedestal, on which is placed a lion twenty-five feet long, made of one block of marble.

SAVES the *Economist*—Messrs. Russell & Co., of New York, China, and London, offer for subscription \$1,000,000, in bonds of \$1,000, or £205 each, at par. The issue is made against railroad equipment and rolling-stock leased to railroad companies in the United States, with a view to ultimate purchase. It is pointed out that the bonds are secured by the obligation of the Equipment Company itself, the obligation of the leasing railroad company, and the rolling-stock itself. The subscribed capital of the Equipment Company is \$1,500,000, and the amount paid up \$900,000.

A VERY sad occurrence is reported in a Scotch paper. On February 27th when the remains of a Mrs. Greig were about to be removed from her residence for interment in the church yard in Montrose, Captain Greig, the son of the deceased, who was chief mourner at the funeral, was suddenly seized with illness and expired on the spot. Captain Greig was well known in Hongkong and Shanghai when in command of the steamer *Glamis Castle*. It was a brother of Captain Greig's who was murdered on board the schooner *Nymph* by his mate Brown, off the Forfarshire coast, some twenty years ago. Brown was tried for the crime in the High Court of Justiciary, Edinburgh, convicted, and hanged at Montrose.

At the public auction of house properties in Bonham Strand and Jervois Street, held by Mr. J. M. Guedes yesterday afternoon, the house No. 79 Jervois Street was bought by a foreign gentleman, for \$10,400, and the same purchaser paid \$25,300 for No. 81 Jervois Street and No. 54 Bonham Strand. The property No. 52 Bonham Strand passed into Chinese hands at \$15,550. These four houses were purchased during the land mania about two years ago for \$88,500, so that the speculation has resulted in a clear loss of \$27,250, outside such contingencies as interest, &c. We hear that the late owner of these houses has lost during the month by the sale of three other properties the comfortable sum of \$123,000. He has several other lots to dispose of, all of which will be cleared out without reserve, as he has come to the conclusion that house property in Hongkong is very bad "fung shui."

"CUTTLE," the weekly twaddler of our evening contemporary, pretends to be a great stickler for the proprieties, a paragon of good taste. In the column and a half of childish rubbish which is used for "padding" in last night's *China Mail*, this impertinent noodle goes out of his way, apparently for the express purpose of injuring the prospect of the Mastodon Minstrels, who are shortly expected here. Referring to the posters put up in several prominent places of the colony by the agents of the Mastodons, this self appointed critic and champion of fair play says:—"It would be very easy to run to earth the individuals who were struck with this happy thought for advertising their miserable show." The "individuals" require no running to earth, and we would ask Mr. "Cuttle" how he comes to know that the Mastodon Minstrels performance is "a miserable show." Has he ever seen them perform? Has he read the press notices of their exhibitions in Sydney and throughout the Australian colonies? No; "Cuttle" knows just as much about the Mastodons as he knows of common sense and good taste—and that is nothing at all. We refer to this matter simply to express our surprise that the editor of any newspaper could make himself so mean as to allow such a disgraceful and uncalled-for libel and injustice to appear in print. "Cuttle" is beneath contempt; and as only a select few—very few—ever read the *China Mail* the Mastodons are not likely to suffer any pecuniary damage, or any loss of caste, owing to this latest phase of honest and respectable journalism.

THE annual tea race appears to be causing some excitement amongst the partisans of the various steamers in the north, although an opinion generally prevails that, bar accidents, the affair will prove a mere "walk-over" for the *Stirling Castle*. The *Glengyle* is said to be the most dangerous opponent of the "Castle" champion, but supporters of this steamer want an allowance of several days from last year's winner. It is rumoured that the O. & O. S. Co.'s well known mail steamers *Galle* and *Belgic* will be expressly taken to the Hongkong and San Francisco line to take tea to London; but even in their best days these Atlantic liners were no match for such vessels as the *Glengyle* and *Glengyle*, to say nothing of that greyhound of the East, the *Stirling Castle*, which is undoubtedly the fastest ocean going steamer afloat. The following probable movements of the fleet of tea steamers appears in Messrs. Wheelock and Company's freight circular:—

FROM HANKOW FOR LONDON.
Stirling Castle, Renaldi (?)
London Castle, Sikh
Bothwell Castle, Afghan (?)
Carnarvonshire, Triumph
Glengyle, Albany
Glengyle, Belgic
Glengyle, Galle
Glengyle, Hesperia
FROM HANKOW FOR ODESSA.
Kostroma, Nishni Novgorod
Russia, Catherine II
Petersburg, Massilia
FROM HANKOW FOR LONDON VIA FOCHOW.
Breconshire, Radnorshire
FROM HANKOW FOR NEW YORK.
Glengyle, Lord of the Isles
Pembrokeshire, Benvenue

THE Tientsin correspondent to the *N. C. Daily News* says:—Sad tales come from Mongolia, where, since the drought of last summer and the heavy fall of snow recently, large numbers of people have perished from want of food; and camels, horses and sheep, from want of fodder. Quantities of teas are found between the stages, with the dead camels and their owners.

SAVES the *Shanghai Mercury*—We learn that Baron von Seckendorff, of the German Diplomatic Service, has been appointed temporarily to the L. G. Vice-Consulate at Swatow. Any more mud squabbles with the mandarins in the wind? We shall not be surprised to see the Inquisitive *Mis*, or perhaps the pitiless *Wolf*, putting in an appearance again in that interesting southern port.

THE steamer *Hagan* which, as we announced the other day, went ashore at Lower Nine Forts on the Peiho river, has been towed off all right. She arrived in Shanghai on the 19th inst. Mr. Fairlie, the chief officer, who had one of his legs broken by the carrying away of a hauser whilst an attempt was being made to get the vessel off the bank, has been conveyed to the hospital at Tientsin.

"I SHOULD like to be excused from jury duty, your Honor," said an old gentleman in the Criminal Court yesterday. "What excuse have you to offer?" asked Judge Phelps. "I'm not in good health." "Have you a physician's certificate to that effect?" "No, your Honor." "Then you'll have to serve." "But, Judge, there's another reason." "What is it?" "I often get cranky." "Cross off his name," commanded the Court, much amused. The old gentleman hobbled out, and there was a titter in the Court room.—*Baltimore Sun*.

WONG TIN, a fruit stall keeper at No. 43, Holly-wood Road, was up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning on a charge of obstructing the pathway. Inspector Grimble stated that Wong had his stall on the footway, taking up the whole of it. He had warned the fruit seller on eight different occasions without inducing him to shift his camp. Wong, in his defence, stated that he paid the sum of \$2 to the Tsun Lau stationery shop for keeping his stall there, and he could not see why he should be compelled to leave the ground he paid for. The case was remanded so that the master of the Stationery shop might be brought up. His Worship eventually fined the obstructionist in the sum of \$1.00 and ordered him to take his stall to another spot.

THE German correspondent of a London contemporary says it is reported on good authority that the so-called Nord-Ostsee Canal Question (construction of a canal from the North Sea to the Baltic, through the province of Holstein) has again been taken in hand by the Government, which has accepted the project of Mr. Dahlstroem, of Hamburg, as a basis for further consultation in the matter. Mr. Dahlstroem, who is supported by some Hamburg capitalists, proposes to commence the canal at Brunsbüttel, on the Elbe, about sixteen miles above Cuxhaven, whence it is to run in a curved line to Kiel, where it enters the Baltic. It is said that the intended augmentation of the forts around Kiel has been postponed in view of the canal being formed.

THOMAS FRASER, second officer of the American ship *Wandering Jew*, was brought before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of using obscene language towards Captain Tapley on the 23rd instant, whereby a breach of the peace might have taken place. Henry Tapley, master of the American ship *Wandering Jew*, now in Harbour, stated that last Monday at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon he went on board, having his wife with him. On arrival there the chief officer reported to him that the 2nd mate had beaten the carpenter and one of the seamen. Soon after this he heard very loud talking amidships, so he went to the defendant and told him that he had company on board and also told him not to make a noise. Upon this the second mate became more boisterous, and spoke so loudly that he could be heard all over the ship. He was using dirty language. The chief officer told Fraser, to get into his room and be quiet. The defendant refused to be quiet and said that no man could make him go into his room. He and the chief officer had to use force to put the rebellious mate into his room, when he made a still greater noise, cursing and swearing. He then retired into his cabin and while at dinner heard the report of a pistol. He ran on deck and the chief mate told him that he could not find the pistol. A seaman came aft to say that the second mate was "fiddling" a sword and he was afraid to remain forward. The noise continued till nearly 9 o'clock. He did not send for the police as he wanted to summon the peace disturber. The defendant's character is fairly good, but he is rather rough with the crew. One of the seamen of the *Wandering Jew* corroborated the statements made by the skipper and further stated that he had been struck on the cheek by the defendant, who used very filthy language towards him and the others on board. The worthy second mate stated that he was heavily drunk and did not recollect anything of the affair. Captain Thomsett fined defendant in the sum of \$10, in default, one month's hard labor. Fraser, at his own request, was sent to the U.S. Consulate to see if he could get Colonel Mosby to induce his skipper to pay the fine. It would appear, however, that Fraser is a "bad hat" as the Colonel sent back the following letter to his Worship. "The master of the American ship *Wandering Jew* has laid a complaint against his 2nd mate, Thomas Fraser, for assaulting some of the crew and I have requested the Harbour Master to arrest and try him." John S. Mosby. After receipt of the above letter the boisterous second officer was walked into the "Retreat."

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

"CUTTLE" AND THE "MINARD CASTLE."
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—In glancing over "Notes by the Way" in last night's *China Mail* I was very much struck with what I consider a most unmanly attack on Captain Skinner, late commander of the *Minard Castle*. "Cuttle" is a fish that evidently can't swim but what is black, which probably explains the puzzling logic which says that Captain Skinner got off cheaply, but that it is not manly to kick a man when he is down. If one may judge from his mean, cowardly and unprincipled attack on Capt. Skinner, "Cuttle" I should imagine, is only capable of kicking those who are unfortunate enough to be on the ground. The remark that it was a pity Captain Skinner could not control his hunger until he got clear of pilogue waters, I can impute to "Cuttle's" unmanly ignorance.

I am, Sir, Yours truly,

BRUTUS.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1883.

KLUKIANG.

[From *Chinese Correspondent*.]
We have been favoured with the best kind of wet weather here for the last five days, and are now getting used to it, so much so that we would almost regret seeing it clearing up. "Our Prayers," our "Hopes" are all with the recently married couple who are at present spending their honeymoon up at the bungalow, and it is to be hoped that, in the event of the clerk of the weather extending his watery favours that far up the hillside, there are no holes in the roof of the bungalow. I regret to have to record the departure this day for the *Pukwa*, of Wallace J. Tucker, Esq., for England. It is impossible for people not acquainted with this gentleman, to form the slightest conception of the immense popularity he has acquired for himself through his amiability and equally impossible for outsiders to understand the void his absence is likely to create. He leaves here with the best wishes of the whole settlement, and all the gentlemen gave him three ringing cheers from the quarter-deck of the *Orinoco* as the *Pukwa* stood off, and which were responded to by a lengthy hurrah from Tommy and three whistles from Captain Davis. Mr. Simpson is coming here as Commissioner. He is not a stranger at this port, and I hope he won't forget his eye-glass, which I hope schemes, as his friends are, to reform the water is fringing, evidently permanently this time, being killed steady and continuous about 15 inches per diem. The Municipal Council, I think, were very much surprised to be asked to be the last resident member of that august body. I believe the Council suggested that the police committee should take the chair and propose a second motion that his pay be doubled. Will write again when the weather is fine.

